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JURISDICTION

2. Answering paragraph 2 included in the "Jurisdiction" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint, Answering Defendants admit the United States District Court has jurisdiction of the claims and controversies described in the Fourth Amended Complaint.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

3. Answering paragraph 3 included in the "Conditions Precedent" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint, Answering Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

PARTIES

- 4. Answering paragraphs 4-5, 7-13, and 15 included in the "Parties" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint, Answering Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 5. Answering paragraph 6, Answering Defendants admit each and every allegation contained therein.
- 6. Answering paragraph 14, Answering Defendants admit Dr. Williamson, Ms. Komacsar, Mr. Galacia, D. Jones, Cheri Smith, Saldivar Raul, Teresa Caldwell, Clark, Perry, Mendoza, Kody Cardner, Messeret Gebrey, Rochelle Peoples, Anabelle Evangeisia, Marrisa Player, Elizabeth Akhtar, Lawanda McClain, Michael Vu, Rubelleta Yado, Deborah Canto, Marian Murriel, Quinita Jackson, Debra Vanderwaas, Marina Alberto, Crystal Gonzalez, Remielyn Manding, Mestowote Tilahun, Larry Hall, Frederick Laita, Horace Tedeo, Marco Alvarado, Vaylon Guins, Franc Cadet, Michael Pollard, Efren Delacruz, Marlon Hogan, Darren Hardin, Henry Coker, and Mark Smith were employed by NaphCare Inc. As to the

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remaining allegations, Answering Defendants do not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

FACTS

7. Answering each and every paragraph included in the "Facts" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint (paragraphs 16-94), Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein as to them. As to all other Defendants, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

LEGAL CLAIMS

CLAIM I

8. Answering each and every paragraph included in the "CLAIM I" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint (paragraphs 95-101), Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein as to them. As to all other Defendants, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

CLAIM II

9. Answering each and every paragraph included in the "CLAIM II" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint (paragraphs 102-105), Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein as to them. As to all other Defendants, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

CLAIM III

10. Answering each and every paragraph included in the "CLAIM III" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint (paragraphs 106-110), Answering

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Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein as to them. As to all other Defendants, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

CLAIM IV

11. Answering each and every paragraph included in the "CLAIM IV" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint (paragraphs 111-114), Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein as to them. As to all other Defendants, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

CLAIM V

12. Answering each and every paragraph included in the "CLAIM V" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint (paragraphs 115-119), Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein as to them. As to all other Defendants, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

CLAIM VI

13. Answering each and every paragraph included in the "CLAIM VI" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint (paragraphs 120-125), Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein as to them. As to all other Defendants, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

CLAIM VII

14. Answering each and every paragraph included in the "CLAIM VII" section of the Fourth Amended Complaint (paragraphs 126-136), Answering

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Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein as to them. As to all other Defendants, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein and, upon said ground, deny each and every allegation contained therein. **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES** 1. FAILURE TO STATE CAUSE OF ACTION That Plaintiff's Fourth Amended Complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against these Answering Defendants. 2. **COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE OF PLAINTIFF** That Plaintiff was negligent in some percentage compared to that of other parties, and said negligence contributed legally to any injuries or damages. 3. COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS That other persons and/or entities who are parties to this action and other persons and/or entities who are not parties to this action are liable for negligence or other legal fault and, should Plaintiff obtain a judgment for damages, it would be the result of such conduct other than that of defendant and the legal cause of any injuries or damages. 4. EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK That Plaintiff expressly assumed the risk of injury with full knowledge and appreciation of such conduct and that such conduct was the legal cause of any injuries and damages. /// /// ///

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1 **5.** MITIGATION OF DAMAGES 2 3 That Plaintiff failed to exercise reasonable diligence to mitigate any alleged damages and said conduct was the legal cause of any injuries and damages. 4 5 6. 6 FAILURE TO STATE CAUSE OF ACTION 7 FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES 8 That Plaintiff's Fourth Amended Complaint does not state facts sufficient to 9 constitute a cause of action for punitive damages against these Answering 10 Defendants. 11 7. 12 FAILURE TO EXHAUST ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES 13 Plaintiff has failed to demonstrate that he exhausted the available 14 administrative remedies as required under 42 USC § 1997e(a), as amended by the 15 Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1996, and any other available administrative 16 remedies. 17 8. 18 **QUALIFIED IMMUNITIES** 19 Answering Defendants are qualifiedly immune from civil damages because 20 their conduct did not violate clearly established statutory constitutional rights of 21 which a reasonable person would have known. 22 9. 23 NOT ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW 24 Answering Defendants were not acting under color of law at the time they 25 provided medical care and treatment to the Plaintiff. 26 10. 27 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS 28 Plaintiff's claims are barred by the statute of limitations. DEFENDANTS NAPHCARE, INC., LARRY WILLIAMSON, M.D., ASHLEY KOMACSAR, and ARTHUR -6-GALICIA'S ANSWER TO FOURTH AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 11. 2 **QUALIFIED IMMUNITY** Answering Defendants are protected from liability and suit by 42 United 3 States Code § 1983 and are, therefore, barring Plaintiff from any and all recovery 4 5 from these Answering Defendants. 6 **12.** 7 **UNKNOWN DEFENSES** 8 Answering Defendants cannot fully anticipate all affirmative defenses that 9 may be applicable to this action based upon the conclusory terms used in 10 Plaintiff's Fourth Amended Complaint. Accordingly, Answering Defendants 11 expressly reserve the right to assert additional defenses if and to the extent that 12 such affirmative defenses become applicable. 13 **WHEREFORE**, Answering Defendants pray that Plaintiff take nothing by 14 reason of the Fourth Amended Complaint on file herein, for costs of suit incurred 15 herein; and, for such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper. 16 July 11, 2019 Dated: 17 SCHUERING ZIMMERMAN & DOYLE, LLP 18 19 /s/ CHAD C. COUCHOT CHAD C. COUCHOT 20 **Defendants** Attorneys NAPHCARE, INC., LARRY 21 WILLIAMSON, M.D., ASHLEY KOMACSAR, and ARTHUR 22 **GALICIA** 23 24 25 26 27 28

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL** 2 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that the foregoing: 3 DEFENDANTS NAPHCARE, INC., LARRY WILLIAMSON, M.D., ASHLEY KOMACSAR, and ARTHUR GALICIA'S ANSWER TO FOURTH AMENDED 4 5 COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL 6 Was served by mailing a copy thereof, first class mail, postage prepaid, on the 11th day of July, 2019, addressed as follows: 7 8 Phone/Fax/E-Mail Attorney Representing 9 Toney Anthony White (1214172) **Plaintiff** 10 High Desert State Prison P.Ö. Box 650 11 Indian Springs, NV 89070 12 13 14 <u>/s/ C.PERRAULT</u> An employee of Schuering Zimmerman & 15 Doyle, LLP 1737-11400 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 DEFENDANTS NAPHCARE, INC., LARRY WILLIAMSON, M.D., ASHLEY KOMACSAR, and ARTHUR

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